

SHIELD FOR TRAILER COUPLER

RELATED APPLICATIONS

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

10 The present invention relates to vehicular trailers, and more specifically to covers for the
hitch portions of vehicular trailers.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15 The present invention provides a unique and multifunction cover or shield for a trailer
coupler which alleviates two significant problems.

A trailer coupler, by definition, provides a means for coupling or attaching a trailer to a
towing vehicle. Trailers have been and continue to be in widespread use for hauling a wide
variety of cargos, e.g., boats. When trailers are detached from a towing vehicle they of course
are at rest, and many trailers have a support means for supporting the forward portion of the
20 trailer so that the trailer maintains substantially the same attitude about its pitch axis as it would
have when attached to a towing vehicle. The trailer comprises in part a longitudinally-extending
member. At the very forward end of said member is a coupler means which is adapted to be
attached to a ball trailer hitch on the towing vehicle. The coupler means in most cases comprises
an inverted cup-like member for receiving a ball trailer hitch, and the cup-like member typically
25 has a horizontally extending rim or flange portion around the periphery thereof. The aforesaid